

PRIORITY QUEUING OF CALLERS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a telecommunications system (100), a method and apparatus for priority queuing of callers requesting an opportunity to speak during a push-to-talk call is disclosed. The method includes defining a group for a call in response to a user input (210, 410), assigning a priority level designation to the at least one participant (220, 420), and granting access to transmit speech in a push-to-talk call based on the priority level (270, 280, 290, 300). The apparatus includes a first server (150) and a second server (140) communicatively coupled to the first server. The second server is programmed to implement the steps given above.